Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp

















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The Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp (IENRYC) has a long tradition of enriching the lives of youth interested in natural resources. Camp 2005 will be its 45th year. IENRYC includes natural resource classes taught by professionals in forestry, range, soils, water, wildlife and land use planning. Former campers, now as parents and resource professionals, remember camp so fondly that they bring their own children to IENRYC. We need your help to continue IENRYC as a high-quality education experience.

Specifically, we need active, participating Board members. Responsibilities include monthly teleconferences, as well as program-building activities between meetings. Board members should be capable of independent action on behalf of IENRYC, such as recruiting professionals to serve as instructors and staff at camp.

IENRYC was originally established as an educational opportunity by local CDs to enrich the lives of youth interested in natural resources. Conservation Districts need to share the responsibilities of advertising to potential campers. Declining numbers of campers puts additional financial strain on the camp. CDs can get information out to potential campers via schools, newsletters, website, Annual Meetings, plant sales or other public info programs. The IENRYC Board also needs Conservation Districts to help campers find financial assistance. Such assistance could come from the Supervisors' fund, business sponsorships, or private donations. Started by Conservation Districts over forty years ago, IENRYC now needs the continued support of those same Conservation Districts.

We need your active support to continue IENRYC. Please join us today so we can open camp this June.

To offer assistance or comments, please contact one of the IENRYC Board Members:

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Thank you for your time and consideration.